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**Department of Defense Authorization:** Senate began consideration of S. 1042, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 1315, to authorize the National Defense University to award the degree of Master of Science in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy. **Pages S8542–43**

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 1318, to authorize a pilot program on expanded public-private partnerships for research and development. **Page S8543**

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 1319, to modify the requirements for reports on program to award prizes for advanced technology achievements.

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Warner Amendment No. 1320, to make a technical correction relating to the Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Defense Education Program. **Page S8544**

Warner (for McConnell) Amendment No. 1324, to authorize the construction of chemical demilitarization facilities. **Pages S8544–45**

Warner Amendment No. 1321, to establish certain qualifications for individuals who serve as Regional Directors of the TRICARE program.

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Warner/Levin Amendment No. 1322, to make technical corrections to certain authorizations of appropriations. **Page S8544**

Levin/Collins Amendment No. 1325, to require a strategic human capital plan for civilian employees of the Department of Defense. **Page S8545**

Warner (for Graham) Amendment No. 1323, to clarify the amendment relating to the grade of the Judge Advocate General of the Army. **Page S8544**

Pending:

Warner Amendment No. 1314, to increase amounts available for the procurement of wheeled vehicles for the Army and the Marine Corps and for armor for such vehicles. **Pages S8540–42**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, July 21, 2005, following the cloture vote on the nomination of Thomas C. Dorr (listed below).

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**Dorr Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for fur-

ther consideration of the nomination of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 21, 2005, with 1 hour for debate, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S8587**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

William Robert Timken, Jr., of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—197) **Pages S8529 S8530 S8535**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:15 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 21, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8587.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SECURITY

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine biosecurity preparedness and efforts to address agroterrorism threats, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Conner, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture; Maureen I. McCarthy, Director, Office of Research and Development, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; John E. Lewis, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Robert E. Brackett, Director, Center for Food Safety

and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; John L. Sherwood, University of Georgia Department of Plant Pathology, Athens; James A. Roth, Iowa State University Center for Food Security and Public Health, Ames; James Lane, Ford County Undersheriff, Dodge City, Kansas; and Mark J. Cheviron, Archer Daniels Midland Company, Decatur, Illinois.

### HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Federal role and budget implications relating to health information technology, which integrates the disciplines of medicine, computer technology, and business management, focusing on preventing medical errors, providing clinicians with better clinical decision-making tools, the treatment of patients, tracking health outcomes, and coordinating public health activities, after receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts concluded a hearing to examine the climate policy of the United States, focusing on the climate-related science and technology budget request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from James R. Mahoney, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; Daniel Reifsnyder, Director, Office of Global Climate Change, Department of State; David W. Conover, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy; and Ralph J. Cicerone, President, National Academy of Sciences.

### LANDS BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 703, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, S. 997, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery, S. 1131, to authorize the exchange of certain Federal land within the State of Idaho, S. 1170, to establish the Fort Stanton-Snowy River National Cave Conservation Area, S. 1238, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to provide for the conduct of projects that protect forests, and H.R. 1101, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California, after receiving testimony from Senator En-

sign; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Lawrence E. Benna, Deputy Director, Operations, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Idaho State Controller Keith L. Johnson, Boise; and Penelope J. Boston, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 1428, to authorize appropriations for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation;

S. 1250, to reauthorize the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000, with an amendment;

S. 1409, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 to modify the grant program to improve sanitation in rural and Native villages in the State of Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1265, to make grants and loans available to States and other organizations to strengthen the economy, public health, and environment of the United States by reducing emissions from diesel engines, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1400, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States, with amendments;

S. 1339, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994;

S. 1340, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to extend the date after which surplus funds in the wildlife restoration fund become available for apportionment;

S. 158, to establish the Long Island Sound Stewardship Initiative;

S. 1410, to reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act;

S. 1415, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to protect captive wildlife and make technical corrections;

The nominations of Marcus C. Peacock, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Administrator, Granta Y. Nakayama, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Susan P. Bodine, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, all of the Environmental Protection Agency.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert M. Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Randal Quarles, of Utah, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance, Sandra L. Pack,

of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Management, and Kevin I. Fromer, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury for Legislative Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Charles E. Johnson, of Utah, and Suzanne C. DeFrancis, of Maryland, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Alex Azar II, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### IRAQ ECONOMIC PROGRESS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine economic progress in Iraq, focusing on oil production and distribution infrastructure and combating corruption in the Iraqi oil industry, after receiving testimony from Keith Crane, RAND Corporation, Arlington, Virginia; and Fareed Mohamedi, PFC Energy, and Frederick D. Barton, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1420, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to medical device user fees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1418, to enhance the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Kathie L. Olsen, of Oregon, to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation.

### REPORTERS' PRIVILEGE LEGISLATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues and implications relating

to proposed reporters' shield legislation, focusing on freedom of the press, the use of confidential sources by journalists, and state laws that recognize the rights of reporters to those sources, after receiving testimony from Senators Lugar and Dodd; Representative Pence; Matthew Cooper, Time Magazine, Inc., and Lee Levine, Levine, Sullivan, Koch, and Schulz, LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Norman Pearlstine, Time Inc., William Safire, New York Times Company, and Floyd Abrams, Cahill Gordon and Reindel, LLP, all of New York, New York; and Geoffrey R. Stone, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

### MEDICAID

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee held a hearing to examine solutions to save money in Medicaid, focusing on the government's system for purchasing prescription drugs under the Medicaid program, features of the process by which Medicaid purchases prescription drugs in the fee-for-service sector of the program, including the way it reimburses pharmacies for drug purchases and the rebate it receives from drug manufacturers, and how prices that Medicaid pays for drugs compare with the prices paid by other purchasers, receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Julie Stone-Axelrad, Analyst in Social Legislation, Domestic Social Policy Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Vincent J. Russo, Vincent J. Russo and Associates, PC, Westbury, New York, on behalf of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys; Mark Gibson, Oregon Health and Science University Center for Evidence-based Policy, Portland; and Margaret A. Murray, Association for Community Affiliated Plans, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3358–3370; 1 private bill, H.R.

3371; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 61; H. Con. Res. 211; and H. Res. 371–373 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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